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SUBJECT: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE:
DRAFTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP; APRIL 28 CONSULTATIONS OF
WESTERN GROUP; NOTIFYING STATES PARTIES OF SUBSTANTIVE PRO-
POSALS

REFS: (A) GENEVA 2905 (NOTAL); (B) GENEVA 2661 (NOTAL);
(C) STATE 89099 (NOTAL); (D) GENEVA 2963 (NOTAL)

1. FOR GENEVA: OF THE WESTERN CANDIDACIES MENTIONED IN REF-
TEL A FOR THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SEABED
ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE, OUR PREFERENCE WOULD
BE THE NETHERLANDS (VAN DER KLAAUW) OR CANADA (JAY), IN THAT
ORDER. DURING THE APRIL 28 EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH WESTERN
EUROPEANS AND OTHERS (REFTEL B), USDEL SHOULD MAKE USE OF
TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR THE APRIL 21-22 MEETING OF THE
NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS (REFTEL C).

2. WITH REGARD TO NOTIFYING STATES PARTIES OF ANY SUBSTAN-
TIVE PROPOSAL WHICH ANOTHER COUNTRY INTENDS TO RAISE AT THE
REVIEW CONFERENCE (REFTEL D), WE BELIEVE THE UN SECRETARIAT
IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO ENSURE RAPID AND EFFICIENT DIS-
TRIBUTION TO UN MEMBER COUNTRIES. WHEN DISTRIBUTING SUCH
NOTICES, HOWEVER, THE UN SECRETARIAT SHOULD PROVIDE THE

THREE DEPOSITARIES (US, UK, USSR) WITH A REASONABLE NUMBER
OF ADDED COPIES (E.G., FIVE) OF EACH ITEM, SO THAT THE DE-
POSITARIES COULD THEN RELAY THE INFORMATION TO ANY STATES
PARTIES WHICH ARE NOT UN MEMBERS. (IN PRACTICE, THE USG
WOULD RELAY SUCH NOTICES TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.)

3. FYI. DURING 1976 CCD NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL
MODIFICATION (ENMOD) CONVENTION, THE USG DECIDED THAT THE
THREE-DEPOSITARY SYSTEM IS NO LONGER AN ESSENTIAL ASPECT OF
MULTILATERAL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS, AND THAT FOR THE EN-
MOD CONVENTION AND FUTURE SUCH AGREEMENTS THE UNSYG COULD
BEST SERVE AS THE SOLE DEPOSITARY. WE THEREFORE SEE NO
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REASON TO BE SENSITIVE ABOUT THE PREROGATIVES OF THE THREE
DEPOSITARIES ON THIS POINT. END FYI.

4. FOR USUN: PLEASE CONSULT THE SOVIET AND UK MISSIONS TO
THE UN, CONFIRMING THAT THE USSR AND UK CAN ACCEPT THE NOTI-
FICATION METHOD OUTLINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. IF SO, USUN
SHOULD THEN RESPOND ACCORDINGLY TO MRS. SEGARRA OF THE UN
SECRETARIAT, EITHER SINGLY OR BY GETTING THE SOVIET AND UK
MISSIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT APPROACH.
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